

REMARKS

This is to acknowledge that the above-identified Office Action specified that Claims 4-6, 8-12 and 14-34 would be allowable if amended so as not to depend from a rejected claim. In response, Claim 1 has been amended to embody the terms of original Claim 4, which depends from Claim 1. The relationships of original Claim 4 are now set forth in the last two clauses of amended Claim 1, whereas Claim 4 itself has been amended to embody additional requirements. Accordingly, amended Claim 1 is believed to be allowable together with all of its dependent claims.

Similarly, Claims 8, 9, 14, 21, 23, 225, 27, 29, 31 and 33, which were indicated as being allowable, have been amended to independent form and are also believed to be allowable together with their respective dependent claims.

Furthermore, although they are not indicated as being allowable, Claims 37 and 40-43 have been amended to independent form to claim a system based, respectively, on the allowable subject matter of the independent claims referred to above, namely Claims 1, 8, 9, 14, and 33; and, Claims 68-71 have been amended to independent form as apparatus claims, based on allowable Claims 1, 9, 14, and 33, respectively.

For these various reasons it is believed that all of the independent claims are now unconditionally allowable together with each of their dependent claims, wherefore the Notice of an Allowance is solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees or credit overpayment to
Deposit Account No. 50-3939.

Respectfully submitted,

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